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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to about steady, instances weak. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate at best with limited feature activity. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample with heavy weights in the longest position. Floor stocks were adequate to long. In the parts structure, trading was no better than moderate for midweek trading. Wings were balanced, tight for smaller sizes, and moving satisfactorily. Breast items were adequate to available, and dark meat was sufficient to well cleared, closest for boneless cuts. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remain unchanged **77.25** cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 71.50 cents last year on January 17, 2007.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading:

	DOCK PRICE
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDER	RS 160.50
BREASTS - B/S	132.50
BREASTS - WHOL	E 76.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	118.00
LEG QUARTERS	42.00
WINGS	117.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

<u>SOUTHERN REGION</u> Trade sentiment was steady at best. Retail demand was slow to fair with limited feature activity. Food service was fair to moderate, best into fast food channels for promotions. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were in good supply, short for smaller sizes, and continued to move well. Dark meat was adequate to close, at times tight for boneless cuts, and breast items were available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best for midweek business. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available for current needs. Retail and distributive was light with limited feature movement. The market tone was about steady to instances weak. In the parts complex, wings, thighs, thigh meat and drums were adequate to well cleared. The balance of items was sufficient for immediate needs.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was about steady, undertone weak. Offerings were increasing daily on heavy weight birds, adequate on lighter weights. Movement remained light to moderate at best into retail and food service channels, interest best on boneless dark meat and small wings. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights desirable to heavy. Part supplies and offerings increased across the line with small wings and boneless dark meat in tightest position. Trade on parts was mixed with buyers cautious and limited to immediate needs. Market tone was mostly steady overall on most parts except big wings were weak.

<u>WESTERN REGION</u> Trade sentiment was overall steady. Offerings remain in fair balance on lightweight product but fully adequate on heavy weight. Buying activity was fair, as buyers evaluate needs. Retailer demand was fairly good at best. Floor stocks were generally adequate to cover immediate needs. The market tone was generally steady on parts.

BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 12, 2008. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 5 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 12, 2008. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through January 12, 2008 were 358 million, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 01/12/08 2008 2007 PREVIOUS YEAR EGGS SET 216,449 211,204 +02 CHICKS PLACED 179,257 171,178 +05

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 23-Feb-08 is estimated at 164.7 million head. This compares to 163.4 million head the previous week and to 162.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 78.21 cents per pound.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVA-LENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

JAN 15, 2008 PC	UNDS			WTD	JAN 16, 2008 PC	UNDS			WTD
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG
BREAST - B/S	673	113.00-190.00	-	122.13	BREAST - B/S	643	115.00-188.00	-	125.76
TENDERLOINS	181	109.00-173.00	-	115.06	TENDERLOINS	151	109.00-133.00	-	113.77
BREAST - LINE RUN	T	OO FEW TO REPO	DRT		BREAST - LINE RUN	Т	OO FEW TO REP	ORT	
FRONT HALVES	T	OO FEW TO REPO	DRT		FRONT HALVES	Т	OO FEW TO REP	ORT	
LEGS	212	52.00-64.00	55-56	55.66	LEGS	235	53.00-64.00	56-58	56.87
LEG QUARTERS (BULK	() 486	35.00-42.00	38-39	38.66	LEG QUARTERS (BULK	() 426	35.00-42.00	37-38	37.53
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	895	38.00-45.00	40-41	40.33	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	895	38.00-45.00	40-41	40.21
WINGS (WHOLE)	357	106.00-122.00	-	113.65	WINGS (WHOLE)	310	110.00-118.00	-	115.48
WINGS (CUT)	T	OO FEW TO REPO	ORT		WINGS (CUT)	105	127.00-132.00	-	130.33
DRUMSTICKS	T	OO FEW TO REPO	ORT		DRUMSTICKS	Т	OO FEW TO REP	ORT	
THIGHS	T	OO FEW TO REPO	ORT		THIGHS	Т	OO FEW TO REP	ORT	
B/S THIGHS	T(OO FEW TO REPO	ORT		B/S THIGHS	T	OO FEW TO REP	ORT	
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX E	SASED C	N SOUTHERN ST	TATES PAF	RTS
TRADING FOR JAN 15, 2008 F.O.B. DOCK. TRADING FOR JAN 16, 2008 F.O.B. DOCK.									
RANGE TO	DAY'S A	VERAGE			RANGE TO	DAY'S A	VERAGE	5-DAY AV	ERAGE
46.50 - 52.75		49.71			46.00 - 52.50		48.77		49.31

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest remained fair to moderate at best for midweek trading. Offerings of breast items and tenders were generally sufficient and clearing satisfactorily; Wings were in close balance with good movement with the smaller sized wings in the best balance. Leg items were adequate to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm for wings; thighs, thigh meat and drums were steady to fully steady. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS

VOLUME JAN 15, 2008 CURRENT WTD **VOLUME** JAN 16, 2008 CURRENT WTD AVG** ITEM **NEGOTIATED TRADING*** /LBS ITEM **NEGOTIATED TRADING*** AVG** /LBS BREAST - B/S 127.75 685,321 BREAST - B/S 127.58 530.530 135 **TENDERLOINS** 115 112.88 177,800 **TENDERLOINS** 115 112.77 104,760 70-71 74.00 **BREAST - WITH RIBS** 70-71 127,840 **BREAST - WITH RIBS** 81.28 58,280 86,400 70.85 70.83 BREAST - LINE RUN 70 BREAST - LINE RUN 70 84,600 **LEGS** 60-61 64.20 86,800 60-61 61.01 150,440 **LEGS** LEG QUARTERS (BULK) 41-42 42.64 149,640 LEG QUARTERS (BULK) 41-42 42.99 115,400 DRUMSTICKS 52-53 58.48 58,290 DRUMSTICKS 52-53 60.72 37,400 **THIGHS** 55-56 61.80 97,670 **THIGHS** 55-56 62.05 69,280 **B/S THIGHS** 117.22 **B/S THIGHS** 59,720 116-117 54,520 117-118 118.54 WINGS (WHOLE) 118-119 122.12 143.810 WINGS (WHOLE) 120-121 122.68 150,752 BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) 10-12 BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) 10-12 11.36 35,720 10.79 29,080 44.18 15,560 LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) 35-40 35-40 37.26 7,080 48.08 GIZZARDS (HEARTS) 50-55 47.72 26,620 GIZZARDS (HEARTS) 50-55 23,240

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

ESTIMATED SI ALIGHTER OF BROIL ER-ERVERS

^{**} WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

Alabama 3	000) 1/16 .952	01/15	(1,000) 01/14				(1,000)	WTS
Alabama 3		01/15	01/1/				(1,000)	W 1 3
	952		01/17	01/11	01/14	01/11	01/09	01/07
	,552	4,239	4,170	4,108	5.51	5.33	4,011	5.65
Arkansas 5	,277	5,232	5,053	5,663	5.44	4.98	5,040	5.44
Delmarva 2	,230	2,267	2,301	2,719	5.87	5.76	2,283	5.88
KY-LA-TN 2	,419	2,416	2,379	2,607	5.12	5.03	2,370	5.18
Mississippi 3	,097	3,140	3,142	3,751	5.72	5.36	3,160	5.73
North Carolina 2	,966	2,925	2,808	3,472	7.06	6.88	2,811	7.04
Texas 2	,577	2,576	2,303	2,708	5.43	5.10	2,607	5.25
Total 22	,518	22,795	22,156	25,028	5.71	5.46	22,282	5.71
Mon-Wed 67	,965	(A)					66,445 (A	١)
(A) Weekly cumul	ative	for state	es listed a	above.				
Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Jan-08 is estimated to be								
33,689,000 head up 0.76 percent from a week ago and up 7.12 percent from a								
year ago. (Last we						•	-	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS								
	RANGE							
	94-100							
1	09-118							
	67-78							
D POULTRY	' .							
	-							
ICE PACK	126							
DRY PACK	112							
ICE PACK	130							
DRY PACK	110							
ICE PACK	109							
DRY PACK	105							
2	04-207							
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TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

Total

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RAL INSPECTION FOR WEE	K ENDING 19-Jan-08
CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
01/19/08 (1)	01/12/08
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Class Broiler/fryer 172,244(2) 175,526 Light hens 1,657 1,572 Heavy hens 1.433 1.552 175.334 178,650

(1)ESTIMATED 2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 19-Jan-08 is 167.1 million head compared to 152.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 172.6 million head or 5.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 26-Jan-08 the estimated available is 167.6 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

`	ESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM 01/14/08	56,204	84,625
AM 01/01/08	43,384	81,194
CHG	12,820	3,431
PCT CHG	30	4

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

PROCESSED TURKEYS

	01/14/08	01/07/08 0)1/15/07	01/14/08	01/07/08	01/15/07
PACIFIC						
COAST	2,922	1,499	1,719	8,039	5,293	9,244
LOS						
ANGEL	ES 128	127	201	1,567	1,615	2,560

PROCESSED POULTRY

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS.U.S.GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE. 5LBSAND UP, FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 14, 2008

RANGE HENS ICE PACKED(12 PER BOX) 73-81 VACUUM PACKED(6-9 PER BOX) 71-94

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 01/15/08 AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

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	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL Ib	90	1.85	1.12	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL Ib.		-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	3.50	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.			-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.		-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.50	5.25	-
ROOSTERS lb.		1.20		ROOSTERS ea.	-	.90	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	1.00	2.85	1.57	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.50	1.95	1.68	RABBITS ea.	-	4.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	4.50	-
GUINEA FOWL I	b	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea	ı	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS	ea	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea	a. 1.00	1.25	-	TURKEY POULTS	ea	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 138

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending January 11, 2008

Who Chio			0	cks,Backs Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	62.37	162.17	70.69	12.47	4.16	66.53
High	70.69	170.49	79.01	20.79	8.32	66.53
Mostly	62.37	166.33	74.85	16.63	8.32	66.53
SAN JU	ΔN					
Low	61.13	158.01	70.69	12.47	4.16	62.37
High	71.52	166.33	83.16	20.79	12.47	62.37
Mostly	64.45	162.17	79.01	16.63	8.32	62.37
NEW SA	AN JUAN					
Low	62.37	158.01	83.16	16.63	8.32	68.61
High	72.35	174.65	91.48	20.79	12.47	68.61
Mostly	62.37	166.33	83.16	16.63	8.32	68.61
BECER	RA					
Low	64.45	162.17	79.01	16.63	8.32	70.69
High	73.60	178.80	95.64	20.79	12.47	70.69
Mostly	64.45	174.65	83.16	18.71	8.32	70.69

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds continued seasonally fair to moderate for midweek trading. Offerings were more than sufficient for immediate trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processor schedules were mostly moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 75 to 89 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate. Wings were in good balance to well cleared with the small sized wings in the best position. Most dark meat cuts were sufficient to closely balanced.

BRANDED

	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	70-94
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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